

Wednesday, February 7, 1951

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed bill extending reciprocal trade agreements program.

Medical research bill ordered reported, and GI insurance bill acted on by Senate committees.

Hearings on newsprint situation opened by House committee.

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, at noon.

Committee Meetings

FARM CONFERENCE, FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE, FOOD PRICES

Committee on Agriculture and Forestry: In executive session, committee voted to report without amendment S. 271, to transfer to Vermont Agricultural College certain lands in Addison County, Vt., for agricultural purposes.

Chairman Ellender made his report to the committee on the farm labor conference in Mexico City, as well as on the foot-and-mouth disease eradication program in that country.

He reviewed for the committee statistics collected in the study of agricultural prices in relation to present food prices.

The appointment of C. M. Mouser to be chief clerk of the committee was announced.

NAVAL VESSEL CONSTRUCTION

Committee on Armed Services: In executive session, subcommittee voted to report favorably to the full committee H. R. 1001, to authorize construction of modern naval vessels. Before taking this action, the subcommittee received testimony from the following witnesses in support of the bill: Admiral Forrest P. Sherman, Chief of Naval Operations; Rear Adm. Homer N. Wallin, Chief of Bureau of Ships; Capt. Ira Nunn, Naval Operations; and Capt. H. C. Bruton, Office of Judge Advocate General, Navy.

PREPAREDNESS SUBCOMMITTEE

Committee on Armed Services: Preparedness Subcommittee met in executive session to consider pending business.

RUBBER RESERVE

Committee on Banking and Currency: Subcommittee on Small Business heard Gerald B. Hadlock, executive director, Office of Rubber Reserve, and Ed Rowe, Director of RFC, discuss the present program and future

plans for operating Government-owned synthetic rubber plants.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BILLS

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Health, Education, Recreation, and Welfare held hearings on four bills, as follows:

Vernon E. West, Corporation Counsel, and Fred A. Thue, attorney, testified in support of S. 11, to conserve the assets of persons of advanced age, mental weakness, or physical incapacity;

Vernon E. West, and Mr. Sheely, representative of the Izaak Walton League, testified in support of S. 41, prohibiting the sale of rockfish weighing more than 15 pounds;

Vernon E. West, and Dr. Seckinger, Health Officer, testified in support of S. 260, to make cancer and all malignant neoplastic diseases reportable to the Health Officer of D. C.;

Various witnesses testified on S. 255, to extend the minimum wage law to men, as follows: In support of the bill were: Vernon E. West; Beatrice McConnell, Labor Department; Carrie Allgood, Minimum Wage and Industrial Safety Board; Charles E. Sands, Hotel and Restaurant Employees; Walter Mason, A. F. of L.; George R. Linkins, Building Owners and Managers Association; Mrs. Ernest W. Howard, D. C. Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Leslie Wright, General Federation of Women's Clubs; and Freda Miller, Department of Labor.

In opposition to the bill were: Stephen Sheridan, Electrolux, New York City; Julian Brylawski, representing Washington Board of Trade and the Motion Picture Association of D. C.; Joseph C. McGarraghy, Hotel Association of Washington; Loftin Wesley, Washington Restaurant Association; Charles J. Rush, Washington Real Estate Board; and Horace Walker, D. C. Pharmaceutical Association.

GI INSURANCE

Committee on Finance: In executive session, the committee reached a tentative agreement as to the form in which it would report to the Senate H. R. 1, veterans' gratuity insurance bill, but deferred announcement of the actions taken pending drafting of the language and a final review of those agreements.

The nomination of William Jennings Bryan, for re-appointment as collector of customs at Los Angeles, was ordered reported favorably.

MEDICAL AID

Committee on Labor and Public Welfare: In executive session, committee unanimously voted to report with amendments S. 337, to amend Public Health Service Act and Vocational Education Act of 1946, to provide emergency 5-year program of grants for education in the fields of the healing arts. The amendments would include certain language of the Bolton bill (H. R. 910) relative to matching funds by States; reduce the amount authorized from \$25 million to \$10 million; make the funds immediately available upon enactment instead of June 30, 1951; and provide that the counsel, set up in the bill, would make a report at the end of 2 years as to the nature any such permanent legislation should take.

CIVIL SERVICE

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Subcommittee No. 1 on Civil Service voted to report favorably to the full committee S. 216, to amend U. S. Code relative to a civil-service status of certain persons in judicial

branch of Government, and S. 353, relating to the time for publication of the Official Register of the U. S. Present for a discussion of the bills before taking this action were: Joseph J. Winslow, Bureau of the Budget; Kenneth Vipond, L. A. Moyer, and Ismar Baruch, all of the Civil Service Commission.

The subcommittee indefinitely postponed action on S. Res. 25, S. 189, 192, and 198, on appeal by classified civil-service employees, pay increase, and maternity leave.

The subcommittee decided to submit to the full committee, at its next meeting, for its consideration the whole question of pay increases and overtime benefits in order to decide just what policy the subcommittee should take with regard to acting on any bills that will necessitate additional appropriations.

Subcommittee adjourned until February 13.

INTERSTATE CRIME

Special Committee To Investigate Organized Crime in Interstate Commerce: Committee heard Sheriff Frank J. Clancy, Jefferson Parish, La., who appeared at his own request in an effort to purge himself of contempt of the committee by answering questions which he had previously refused to answer.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Thirty-six public bills, H. R. 2460-2495; nineteen private bills, H. R. 2496-2514; and seven resolutions, H. J. Res. 156, and H. Res. 121-126, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Twenty-four private bills, H. R. 622, 624, 667, 676, 714, 715, 756, 795, 859, 889, 890, 891, 898, 906, 966, 1134, 1150, 1157, 1458, 1486, 1840, 1908, 1971, and H. Con. Res. 49 (H. Repts. 68-91, respectively);

H. R. 400, providing for expeditious naturalization of former U. S. citizens who have lost U. S. citizenship through voting in a political election or in a plebiscite held in Italy (H. Rept. 92);

H. R. 403, providing the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States to all aliens having a legal right to permanent residence (H. Rept. 93); and

Disposition of executive papers (H. Rept. 94-95).

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Economic Report: The Speaker today appointed the following Members to the Joint Committee on the Economic Report: Representatives Hart, Patman, Buchanan, Bolling, Wolcott, Herter, and Boggs of Delaware.

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Recommittal: Pursuant to a unanimous consent request, the House recommitted H. Res. 95, authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to conduct studies and investigations relating to matters within its jurisdiction, to the Committee on Rules.

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Reciprocal Trade: Passed by voice vote, H. R. 1612, to extend for 3 years, the authority of the President under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930 to enter into foreign-trade agreements.

A motion to recommit the bill was rejected by a voice vote.

Prior to passage a peril-point amendment was adopted providing for congressional notification by the President prior to any reduction of tariffs below a level determined by the Tariff Commission to be a peril point.

Adopted an amendment barring extension of any tariff reductions or trade concessions to Russia and Soviet-dominated countries as a result of any trade agreements hereafter entered into.

Adopted an escape-clause amendment designed to provide a simple procedure whereby industries injured by tariff reductions can get relief upon appeal to Tariff Commission.

Also adopted an amendment designed to bar imports of agricultural commodities when such commodities are being supported by the United States Government.

A separate vote was demanded on the peril-point amendment which resulted in its adoption by 225 yeas to 168 nays.

A demand for a separate vote on the escape-clause amendment resulted in its adoption by a voice vote.

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Committee Meetings

NATIONAL SECURITY AND MANPOWER

Committee on Armed Services: Started executive reading of H. R. 1752, to permit the more effective utilization of manpower resources of the United States by authorizing universal military training and service. Postponed further consideration until next Thursday, February 15.

DEFENSE HOUSING

Committee on Banking and Currency: Commenced executive consideration of H. R. 1272, to assist the provision of housing and community facilities and services required in connection with the national defense (to be cited as the Defense Housing and Community Facilities and Services Act of 1951). Will resume on same topic tomorrow morning.

EXECUTIVE EXPENDITURES

Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Department: Held organizational meeting, set up subcommittees, and considered work program.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Continued to hear Members of the House, who have introduced bills which have been referred to this committee for study. Appearing today were Representative Fogarty, on H. Res. 82, to

provide for the unity of Ireland; and Representative Lantaff, on H. R. 1621, to deny economic and financial assistance to foreign countries which permit the exportation of strategic war materials to Russia and her satellites. Statements for the record were also submitted by Representative Allen of Illinois, author of H. R. 1773, to create a commission to enable the qualified voters of each State to register their opinions as to the national foreign policy; and Representative Boggs of Louisiana, author of H. Con. Res. 26, advocating "federal union."

The committee will hear other Members on behalf of their proposals tomorrow morning.

NEWSPRINT STUDY

Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce: Opened public hearings to consider the newsprint situation, hearing testimony from the following officials of the National Production Authority: H. B. McCoy, Assistant Administrator of Industrial Operations, and Gabriel J. Ticoulat, in charge of the Pulp and Paper Section. Hearings will be continued tomorrow.

ALUMINUM, MONOPOLY

Committee on the Judiciary: Celler Subcommittee on the Study of Monopoly Power resumed hearings to investigate the present and proposed expansion of facilities in the aluminum industry. Charles Sawyer, Secretary of Commerce, testified today, along with Manly Fleischmann, Administrator of National Production Authority. Hearings will be continued on Friday morning.

CLAIMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Byrne Subcommittee No. 2 approved for reporting to the full committee 15 private claim bills of the House. Two were ordered reported adversely.



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Foreign-policy speeches were heard in Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: Thirty-six bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 808 to S. 843; S. J. Res. 31; S. Con. Res. 11; and S. Res. 65 to S. Res. 72.

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Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 271, to transfer to Vermont Agricultural College certain lands in Addison County, Vt., for agricultural purposes (S. Rept. 80);

S. Res. 53, providing investigation of personnel needs and practices of various governmental departments (S. Rept. 81)—referred to Committee on Rules and Administration;

Report of Labor-Management Relations Subcommittee on east coast oil tanker industry, pursuant to S. Res. 140 of Eighty-first Congress, with individual views (S. Rept. 82);

S. Res. 65, providing for apprehension of certain persons as witnesses in investigation of organized crime in interstate commerce (S. Rept. 83);